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NCLIS Launches New Web site

Washington, DC USA, November 1, 2005—The U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) today announced the availability of a newly redesigned Commission Web site at <http://www.nclis.gov>

The new site not only has a dramatically different appearance, it represents a major reorganization of the content and links. It is designed to help people find current and historical information about national information policy, dissemination of government information to the public, and news about the Commission and its initiative and activities.

A vital part of the site continues to be devoted to Statistics and Surveys. NCLIS works cooperatively with the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) to disseminate U.S. library data and analyses. The site has links to the data sources for the Academic Library Survey, Public Library Survey, School Library Media Center Survey, and State Library Agency Survey. It also provides information about the Commission's roles in serving as liaison to the library community, organizing meetings and training workshops, organizing training and technical assistance, and monitoring trends.

On the home page are the Commission's overall purpose and goals. A particular section is devoted to the most prominent current Commission initiative, the 2006 Health Awards for Libraries. This is part of a national effort to recognize libraries that encourage and promote improved health for the populations they serve.

Dr. Beth Fitzsimmons, Chairman of the Commission, spoke proudly of the new site and expressed her sincere appreciation for the contributions to the redesign from ProQuest Company and the students of the University of Maryland, College of Information Studies.

About NCLIS

The U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) is a permanent, independent agency of the Federal government charged by Public Law 91-345 to advise the President and Congress on national and international library and information policies, to appraise and assess the adequacies and deficiencies of library and information resources and services, and to develop overall plans for meeting national library and information needs.

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